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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1477 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1477 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/993,767

Examiner

CHARLES C. AGWUMEZIE

Applicant(s)

FANG ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to Board Decision entered December 16, 2009.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5,7,8,10,11,13-15,23,25-27,29,30,32,33,35-37,45-47,50-65 and 67-68.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/27/01 and 04/18/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Charlie C Agwumezie/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685
April 30, 2010

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. In view of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) Decision entered December 16, 2009, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 23, 25-27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35-37, 45-47, 50-52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 50-65 and 67 are **REVERSED** and claims 16, 17, 20-22, 38, 39, 42-44, 48, 49, 53, 56, 59, 66 and 69 are **AFFIRMED**.
2. Accordingly claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 23, 25-27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35-37, 45-47, 50-52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 50-65 and 67 are allowed.
3. Claims 16, 17, 20-22, 38, 39, 42-44, 48, 49, 53, 56, 59, 66 and 69 are cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of records are U.S. Patent No. 6,877,093 to Desai et al, in view of patent No. 6,234,389 to Valliani and U.S. Patent No. 6,963908 to Lynch.

5. Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." In re Glauq F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-23 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term "is susceptible to various meanings, ... the inventor's lexicography must prevail...." Id.

Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.

6. Neither of the references Desai, Valliani and Lynch discloses or suggest or teach the limitation "detecting at least one activity of a financial transaction, and based upon the detection, electronically transmitting to the card terminal information related to the request for use in downloading the application to the card terminal." The Lynch's system transfers information from a first computing device to a second computing device and during this transfer may identify software capable of being upgraded through a purchase which may be completed through the server system. In contrast, claims 1 and 23 specify electronically transmitting to the card terminal information related to the request for use in downloading the application to the card terminal, based on detecting at least one activity, rather than purchasing a software upgrade as disclosed in Lynch. Therefore claims 1 and 23 are non-obvious over Desai, Valliani, and Lynch. As such, claims 3-5, 7, 25-27, 29, 45, 46, 50, 51, 54, 57, 60, 62, 64, and 67 depending from claims 1 and 23 respectively, to also be non-obvious for the same reasons discussed.

Moreover, the missing claimed elements from Desai, are not found in a reasonable number of reference(s). Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing elements in an embodiment in the Desai disclosure because: such would have changed the basic working principles and the operation of Desai which is silent on detecting at least one activity of a financial transaction, and based upon the detection, electronically

transmitting to the card terminal information related to the request for use in downloading the application to the card terminal.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure.

- Ohki et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,644,553 B1) discloses Portable Card Terminal.
- Powers et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0026549 A1) discloses Remote Reconfiguration System.
- Kawagishi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0080935 A1) discloses Application Terminal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Calvin Hewitt** can be reached on **(571) 272 – 6709**.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Charlie C Agwumezie/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685
April 30, 2010